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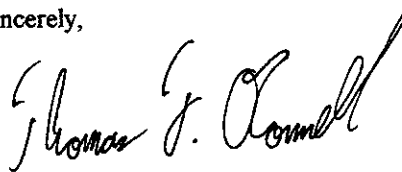
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S&WE Products Manager Carol Hanlon
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To S&WE Products Manager Hanlon:

I am writing to express my deep concern over the Yucca Mountain Project and the flawed process railroading it toward approval. How can the Secretary of Energy be preparing to recommend Yucca Mountain for a high-level nuclear waste dump when thousands of public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement still have not been addressed? Without a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a detailed transportation scenario, finalized Siting Guidelines, or a licensing rule, the Department of Energy lacks the basis for consideration of site suitability. The public cannot have confidence in any recommendation that arises from such a dramatically flawed process. Specifically, I urge you to abandon the Yucca Mountain Project until such time as you plan to address properly the serious and legitimate concerns of the public.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. O'Connell